BAT MASTERSON SWEARS IN.

AT LEAST THEY SAY IT WAS BAT. BUT HE DIDN'T LOOK IT.

Amer Picon Is His Tipple, and When His Hand Goes to His Hip He Pulls a Card Case (Visiting Card)-Gives Marshal Hankel's Daughter the High Handshake

CHAPTER I.

"You cur! You have stabbed me!" It was United States Marshal Henkel who uttered the above ejaculation. He was alone in his office, and over him glowered the black face and gleaming dagger of Vito la Duca, dread bulwark of

the Black Hand. "You shall not escape me this time! cried the terror of the tenements. "Take hat!" and ere Marshal Henkel could reach for his trusty revolver, the blade was buried once, twice, thrice,

A moment of silence-and then a new terror burst upon them

CHAPTER II.

All this happened in the office of United States Marshal Henkel in the Federal Building, to which Vito la Duca had made his entrance by climbing the fire escape. Behind him glittered the dark faces and

bright blades of his Black Hand assassins. As Vito la Duca buried his blade in the cushions of the chair from which Marshal Henkel had leaped to save his life, a new figure sprang through the door.

Booted and spurred as he was, he carried a suggestion of stalwart strength. "Back!" he cried. "Or Mary Jane, the trusted revolver that never misses her mark, will hark in your vitals!

Foiled, the terror of the tenements staggered back, dropping his dagger. Yet the hour of danger had not yet wholly

Vito la Duca made an almost imperceptible gesture. From a tall secretary behind the stalwart stranger leaped the athletic figure and gleaming eyes of the

Like a snake he was upon the stranger. But his giant strength was matched for once with equal strength. By a clever jiu-jitsu movement, the stranger heaved the Bull over his head

He lay prostrate, his back broken. With rare presence of mind. Marshall Henkel gagged Vito la Duca by jamming a wastepaper basket over his head. It was but a moment's work to slip the

darbies upon the prostrate mafists. The rest of the gang fled down the fire esca pe

"You have saved my life!" cried Marshal Henkel. "Who are you?" "Bat Masterson, the bloodstained avenger of Butte!" cried the latter-for it

was he-tearing off the whiskers from his handsome countenance.

A thud! A series of sharp explosions!

And the newly inducted deputy marshal
was called upon to face a new foc.

CHAPTER III.

Merely the advance sheets of "Bat Mas-terson Library No. 1," entitled "Bat Mas-terson in New York, or On the Trail of the Black Hand." It is expected that this number will be issued right away, since Bat Masterson is here. He has come; he has arrived. He took the oath of office yesterday, and counterfeiting plants all over the city are being beaten into frying pans.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a corps of war correspondents and special commissioners stood in United States Marshal Henkel's office, waiting. As they waited they talked in awesome whispers of Billy the Kid and Black Bart and the cousing these ways was and wrote house about that went West and wrote home about Deadwood.

Deadwood.

The door opened, and a middle sized middle aged gentleman, plump and benevolent of face, entered the room. Nobody noticed him until be walked up to the Marshal and said, in a timid, shrinking small voice with a baseball accent:

"Is this the marshal?"

"It is, my boy," said the marshal, taking him for a reporter. "Just take a seat with the rest of the boys. He'll be here in a

minute."

The stranger turned toward the press bench, then turned back again.
"You see." he said, "well, the fact is— I'm on special business—my name's Master-

"What!" roared the marshal B. Masterson," said the stranger, shrinking slightly.

"Bat Masterson?" roared the marshal,

as the corps of correspondents clattered from the tables to the floor and began to

unship cameras.

"Yes—yes, sir!" murmured the stranger, smiling slightly.

A neat black suit of fashionable cut, a gray shirt with a small figure, a black tie with a little pearl pin, trousers creased mathematically—

Was this Bat Masterson? Was this Bat Masterson?

The Marshal asked for his name in full.

Mr. Masterson made a swift, accurate motion to his right ham pocket. Three photographers leaped to the rear to catch him in the act of drawing. He produced—a neat kangaroo skin card case, from which he drew a small engraved card. And a white silk hanckerchief fluttered to the floor.

Was this Bat Masterson? Was this Bat Masterson: Marshal Henkel swore him in and per-uaded him to stand for his photograph. It faced the cameras with a sad, selfdeprecating air. One photographer wanted him to fold his arms and throw out his

chest.

"I'm sorry, but it looks too tough that way," he said. After five flashes had gone off he remarked that flashlight powder made the room rather close, and he'd just as soon go out in the hall for a minute. Some one offered him a cigar, but he answered, much obliged, he wasn's smoking. Was this Bat Ma tersen?

The marshal introduced him to his office force and to his daughter. Holding his derby hat by the very edge of the brim, Bat raised his right hand to the level of the shoulder, grasped hers and shook it faintly.

shoulder, grasped hers and shook it faintly three times from right to left, murmuring meanwhile that he was glad to meet her. She remarked that it was a beautiful day and he said yes, it seemed as though the spring had really broken.

spring had really broken.

Marshai Henkel said that, while he didn't usually drink in office hours, he thought the occasion called for something. Mr. Masterson, blushing slightly, said that he didn't mind if he did. On the way over Mr. Masterson complained that the New York hotels aren't so quiet as they used to be. He volunteered the further information that Mrs. Masterson enjoyed the trip up from Hot Springs very much. trip up from Hot Springs very much.
"What will you have, Mr. Masterson?"

asked the marshal. At that name the bartender, who reads the papers, jumped. His mouth flew open and he reached automatically for the strongest grade of whiskey and the cayenne

"I think," said the stranger from the West, in his sombre and quiet voice, "that I'll have something light. I've a slight headache as a result of changing climate.

Mix me an amer picon, please Was this Bat Masterson? Mr. Masterson was assigned to special secret work for the United States District Attorney. As there was nothing secret doing yesterday he was told that he might go home and report in the morning. His pay began yesterday, but he started off with a vacation. He signed all the rolls, took all the official oaths, received his badge and floated up Broadway.

But was it really Bat Masterson?

Record in Copper Production. BUTTE, Mon., March 28.-The Washoc sme'ter of the Amalgamated Copper Comrany at Anaconda has established a record copper production. The production for e first three weeks of March was 10,000,000 pounds. The smolter has been treating on a average 7,000 tons of ore daily from or night; to morrow, generally fair; fresh to brisk

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FRENCH AIMS IN MOROCCO. Dental That Kalser's Visit Will Have Any Effect on the Policy.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Paris, March 28.-According to the Matin it is not true that Germany conducted separate negotiations with France in regard to Morocco. Prior to the conclusion the Anglo-French convention Foreign Minister Delcassé gave a formal assurance that German interests in Morocco would be absolutely safeguarded, and he is ready give such assurance again, even in writ-

The German Government never raised he slightest protest against the Anglo-French convention. Therefore it is absoutely incorrect to say that Germany could have had any grievance against France on the occasion of the signing of that convention. It is equally incorrect to suppose that the German Emperor's coming visit Tangler is in the nature of a protest against French policy in Morocco.

The Emperor's visit could have no sort of political character, the Matin continues, and can in no way alter the line of conduct France has laid down for herself, which, while safeguarding the economic interests of other European powers in Morocco, aims at restoring the authority of the Sultan and establishing in the empire, under French influence, order, prosperity and tranquillity.

TO ENTERTAIN KING ALFONSO Great Preparations Being Made in London and Paris.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN LONDON, March 28 .- Plans for the entertainment of King Alfonso in London are about completed. The Spanish monarch will arrive here on June 5, crossing the Channel in the royal yacht Victoria and Albert. The programme will probably include a royal family dinner at Buckingham Palace on the night of the King's arrival, a state banquet, a state ball at the palace, a dinner party or ball at Marlborough House, the residence of the Prince of Wales; a gala performance at the opera, and entertainments at the Spanish and Austro-Hungarian embassies and at Lansdowne House, the residence of the Foreign Secretary. The King will also spend a day at Windsor Castle.

It is expected that after his official visit to the court King Alfonso will tour England and Scotland and then proceed to Berlin and Vienna.

Paris, March 28.-King Alfonso has made known his desire to form a close acquaintance with the French army during his visit here, and the General Staff is drawing up a programme for two reviews upon a gigantic scale at Vincennes and Chalons-sur-Marne.

SECRETARY MORTON AT HAVANA. Cordial Exchange of Greetings With the President of Cuba.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN HAVANA, March 28.—The United States despatch boat Dolphin, with Secretary of the Navy Morton, Speaker Cannon and Senator Hale on board, arrived here this by the members of his party and Minister Squiers and Mr. Sleeper, Secretary of Legation, visited President Palma. There was a cordial exchange of greetings. The Dolphin will leave to-morrow for Fernan-

dina. The United States transport Sumner arrived here last night and will leave tomorrow for New Orleans. She visited San Juan, Culebra, Ponce and Mayaguez. The Sumper will visit Southwest Pass on the way to New Orleans.

SPANISH FAMINE.

Thousands Are Begging in the Districts of Andalusia. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 29 .- A despatch to the Express from Madrid says that thousands | Coram. of persons are reported to be starving in Andalusia. A mob of hungry peasants tried to storm the army granaries at Lebrija, twenty-nine miles southwest of Seville. Failing to capture them the peasants set them on fire.

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Hundreds of cattle are dying owing to the lack of pasture. Two thousand inhabitants of a village near Seville have gone to the roadsides to beg. This is a frequent resource in other places in the famine stricken districts.

Dead Infant Found in the Woods.

Two Italians while strolling through Hinck's woods in the vicinity of Oxford street, Montclair, N. J., yesterday found the body of a male infant. It was fully clothed and wrapped in a sheet and some newspapers which were partly burned. The police and county physician were notifled, and the latter ordered the removal of the body to a morgue in Orange.

The Weather.

The Western storm area advanced northeastward and had its centre over Minnesota yesterday, causing rain in the Lake regions and the upper Mis-sissippi and Missouri valleys and southward to Texas. Elsewhere the weather was fair. It was warmer in the Lake regions and the upper Mis-sissippi Valley and southward to the Gulf. The temperature fell in the Missouri Valley and the ky Mountain region. In this city it was fair and warmer; wind, light

westerly; average humidity, 45 per cent.; barometer, to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30.07; The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the

official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table: Highest temperature, 73°, at 1:30 P. M.

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW. For eastern New York, fair, continued warm today: to morriw, partly cloudy and cooler, probably showers; fresh winds, mostly southwest.

For New England, fair to-day, warmer in north

west portion; to-morrow, showers and cooler, except in eastern Maine; frosh shifting winds, becoming southwest. For eastern Pennsylvania, fair, continued warm to-day; to morrow, partly cloudy and cooler, proba-bly showers in north and west portion; fresh south-

west winds.

For Delaware, fair to-day and to-morrow; fresh south to southwest winds. For western New York, partly cloudy to day; showers and cooler at night or to morrow; fresh

to brisk southwest winds. For the District of Columbia, fair, continued warm to-day; to morrow, partly cloudy and cooler; fresh southwest winds. For New Jersey, fair to-day; to morrow, partly

cloudy; probably showers in north portion; cooler in the interior; fresh southwest winds. western Pennsylvania, partly cloudy to-day;

H.L. WOODWARDKILLS HIMSELF

BROTHER OF THE JUSTICE A SUICIDE IN CLEVELAND.

A Brother-in-Law of Collector Stranshan Who Said He Was Working Under a Strain-Wrote Wife He Had Poor Suceess-Another Suicide in Same Hotel.

CLEVELAND, March 28 .- Henry L. Woodward, a lawyer of New York, and a brother of Justice John Woodward of the Supreme Court, shot and killed himself in his room at the Hollenden Hotel to-day. C. A. Brouse, a travelling man from Toledo, also killed himself to-day in the same hotel in a similar manner.

Woodward shot himself in the right temple. His body was found shortly before noon. Hotel employees had noticed that he was not about. A bellboy looked over the transom and saw the body. The dead man lay in the bed, apparently just as he had retired for the night. The pistol was still in his hand, his finger on the trigger. Blood from the wound had dried in a pool on the bed, covering the hand and nearly concealing the weapon.

Woodward left no writing to show why he killed himself. He had been a guest at the Hollenden several weeks. He started out some months ago as representative of the Banks Law Publishing Company of New York. Several weeks ago in Ashtabula, Ohio, he fell from a street car and sprained his ankle. He spent seven or eight days in a hospital there.

It is shown from letters among Woodward's effects that he went to Marietta from Ashtabula. Friends there gave him letters introducing him to attorneys in Cleveland. Letters from Mrs. Woodward were found. One written last Wednesday is in reply to one from him. He had writ-ten saying he was meeting with little suc-

is in reply to one from him. He had written saying he was meeting with little success and that he was drinking again.

In the letter of Wednesday she sent him money and urged him to fight his appetite for drink and to return to her. Since then letters came from her every day. Some days there were two. She kept asking why she had not heard from him and why he did not answer her letters.

Woodward drank considerably here.

The body at the Coroner's direction was taken to undertaking rooms and relatives at New York were notified.

Brouse's body was found soon after Woodward's and followed it to the same andertaking rooms an hour later. Letters found on Brouse suggest no motive for his suicide. He had no money in his pockets. Little is known of him. He came to the hotel Friday. From cards in his pockets it seems that he was a salesman for the National Supply Company of Toledo. Brouse, like Woodward, had left no note to tell why he killed himself.

Woodward was about 35 years old and a graduate of the Cornell law school. He was a brother of Justice John Woodward was a brother of Justice John Woodward of Jamestown, who has long been sitting in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn. Young Woodward's wife is the sister of Nevada N. Stranahan. Collector of the Port of New York. They had no children and lived in the University apartments at 1161 Amsterdam avenue. He practised law at 29 Liberty street. He had been a member of Cummings & Woodward, but the firm was dissolved. He also spent a great deal of time at Albany compiling law books.

Collector Stranahan said last night that the young man was a victim of nervous ex-

the young man was a victim of nervous ex-haustion and that he insisted on working when he was really not fit for the strain. His wife heard from him frequently and from his letters the family judged that he was in a cheerful frame of mind, although he fretted because he was not able to get around. He gave no intimation that he Justice Woodward left for Cleveland last night to bring the body east for burial.

MRS. R. G. INGERSOLL GETS AWARD Recovers \$100,000 Fee Due Her Rusband in Davis Will Contest.

Boston, March 28 - Judge Putnam of the United States Circuit Court to-day found for Mrs. Eva A. Ingersoll, the widow of Robert G. Ingersoll, for \$95,000 with interest at 6 per cent. from 1897, in her suit against Henry A. Root of Butte, Mon., and Joseph A. Coram, who had employed her husband in a contest over the will of Andrew J.

Davis, the Montana mining man.

The amount awarded to Mrs. Ingersoll as administratrix of the estate of her husband is the balance of a fee of \$100,000 due the latter for services rendered from 1891 to 1897 in the celebrated will contest. Col. Ingersoll appeared for the late Month. Ingersoll appeared for the late Maria Cummings of Ware, Mass., the late Elizabeth S. Ladd and M. Louise Dunbar of Springfield, Mass., and Ellen S. Cornue, relatives

of Davis. .
A compromise was effected under which they received substantial shares of estate. Prior to the contract made by Coram and Root with Col. Ingersoll, under which he was to act as counsel for the contestants named, the latter had assigned to Root one-third of whatever they should receive from the estate and some of them had assigned their remaining two-thirds to

BODY DREDGED FROM HARBOR Murder Suspected in Drowning of Engineer Witter at New London.

New London, Conn., March 28 .- The body of Charles H. Witter, an engineer, was dredged from the upper harbor near Drummond's wharf this noon. It had been lying at the bottom of the river for ten

Witter came to New London on the night of March 17 from his home in Old Mystic, intending to take the Norwich Line steamer for New York, where he had planned to meet his brother. While waiting for the steamer to leave, he visited several saloons. and at a late hour was at a resort in Bradley street with four young men who have been arrested for having caused his death. They are Manuel Silva, Patrick Donovan, George Sleason and Leo Shandoer. It is alleged that Witter was robbed and thrown into the

INDICT WIRE TAPPER AGAIN. Felix's Missing Friend Williams Wanted

Why Frank Williams, one of the tappers" accused of swindling John F. Felix out of \$50,000, found it convenient to get out of this jurisdiction by forfeiting

\$5,000 cash bail was possibly explained yesterday when the Grand Jury filed an-other indictment against him. This time Williams, who is also known as Charles Wyatt, is charged with having acted in conjunction with Harry Cohen and Rudolph Gartner in robbing New town Wood, a broker of Pittsfield, Mass in a "wire tapping" swindle. Wood said that the trio got \$4,000 out of him by getting im to bet, on Nov. 30 last, on a horse named

Williams is said to have gone to Atlantic (lty. Two Central Office men were there on Sunday looking for him.

Brooks.

MRS. CHADWICK'S PRISON LABOR. Will Again Make Clothes for Male Prisoners if Sentence Stands.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 28.-Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will make shirts and underclothing for the male prisoners of the Ohio Penitentiary during the term of service for which she was sentenced yesterday, unless the United States Court of Appeals interferes in her sentence.

She will stitch for nine hours each day,

She will stitch for nine hours each day, have the privilege of two hours leisure among the other female prisoners in the workroom, and spend the balance of each twenty-four hours in a cell that looks out nowhere. The needle will not be an unfamiliar instrument to her, as she did this kind of work when she was in the Ohio Penitentiary, back in the '90s, as Mme. de Vere, the fortune teller.

TO RAISE BULLFROOS NOW.

Government Hatchery to Be Established at San Marcos, Tex.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 28.-The United States Government has taken steps toward establishing a large bullfrog hatchery at San Marcos, thirty miles south of here There is a Government fish hatchery at San Marcos

Capt. William O'Leary, superintendent of the station, is fitting up the novel adjunct o the fish hatchery.

BETS MADE IN WHISPERS.

Capt. McNally Makes an Axe Raid in the Fulton Building-Selemn Affair. Capt. McNally of the Church street police station and his detectives raided an alleged poolroom in the Fulton Building, Liberty and Washington streets, yesterday afternoon. Nineteen men were found in three offices on the third floor, and four of them were arrested.

Detective Reardon saw a man, known to him as a former poolroom man, going up into the Fulton Building last Saturday. esterday the captain and his sleuths were waiting for him and saw him go into an office on the third floor.

Everything was so quiet inside that the police thought they must be mistaken about its being a poolroom. But after listening intently for some time they per ceived, they say, that all business was being transacted in whispers. The man who received the racing news over the telephone, they say, whispered it to the announcer, and the announcer went into the next room and whispered the results to the patrons.

After they had listened to the whispering a while Detective Reardon brought the axe into play on the door, which gave way and disclosed roomful of prosperous looking men most of them with white whiskers. They were sitting quietly around the room, in the centre of which was a table well supplied with whiskey, beer and cigars. The offices were handsomely furnished. The offices were handsomely furnished.

When the police broke in some of the
men made a rush for a third room, which
was empty and opened into the hall, and
which had evidently been rented as a getaway route for just such an emergency The police had that door guarded, however

and no one escaped.

Most of the men sat very quiet and informed the police that they had committed no crime. They were for the most part no crime. They were for the most part business men and merchants with business places in New York and homes in New Jersey. The police thought they had broke in on a meeting of church deacons.

The whole bunch were carted to the Church street station house in the patrol wagon, together with three telephones and racing sheets and slips.

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Edward Wilson, 26 years old, no business, of 116 Third avenue was held as the alleged proprietor. William Coleman, 31 years old, no business, of 245 Henry street; William Johnson, 31 years old, a drug clerk, of Lakewood, N. J., and W. H. Ball. 38 years old, no business, of 37 Grove street, were held for aiding and abetting a poolroom. Ball was the castler and had \$228

The other men were allowed to go after

The other men were allowed to go after giving their names. The place, the cops say, had been in operation only since Sat-

TRAFFIC COP ARRESTS AHI, Enjoiner of Traffic Cops, for Driving

Around a Corner Wrong. Ahi Peace of Brooklyn, who recently got an injunction from Justice Gaynor restraining Police Commissioner McAdoo from interfering with the traffic around Borough Hall, Brooklyn, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman La Rue, at Thirtyecond street and Sixth avenue, Manhattan, for turning the corner with his horse and

wagon on the wrong side of the road.

He was taken to the sub-station occupied by the traffic squad and from there to the Tenderloin station. Sergt. Wilson took \$200 bail for him.

Police Commissioner McAdoo heard of the arrest vestured waternoon. He said the arrest yesterday afternoon. He said that he wanted it understood that the arrest was not due to any premeditation on the part of the police. There was not an officer in the Tenderloin, he said, who knew Mr. Peace by sight, and it was not until after he had been arrested that the police knew that he was the man who had stooped a was the man who ha part of the police regulation of traffic in

Mr. Peace said last night that he came to Manhattan in his gig on business and faith-fully obeyed all traffic regulations. When class favoritism was used against him and he was ruled off Fifth avenue at Fifty-ninth street because his gig was not a victoria or a brougham, he submitted to this un-Ameria

can and Chinese treatment and obediently drove down Madison avenue. At Thirty-sixth street, he continued, he crossed over to Sixth avenue and went down to Thirty-second street, where he turned. He was off Sixth avenue and on the cross street when a policeman accosted him, told him he had turned wrong in leaving the avenue and commanded him to go back and turn the right way. "I told him I was not a schoolboy," said

Mr. Peace, "and would prefer arrest to subjection to any such kindergarten treatment. He then took me in and I was locked up until I could get a friend to furnish bail."

Mr. Peace said that an injunction similar to the one he secured against Commissioner McAdoo in Brooklyn will soon be applied for by a resident of Manhattan.

POLICE CAPTAIN ON TRIAL. Accused of Clubbing a Man When He Raided a Bexing Bout.

The trial of Police Captain Thomas F Darcy of Long Island City on charges of assaulting citizens was held by Deputy Police Commissioner Farrell in Brooklyn vesterday. The assault is alleged to have taken place in Frank Casewend's hall, Queens borough, on Nov. 12 last, during a boxing bout. Casewend testified that the captain and his reserves came to the hall in a patrol wagon and the captain struck him with a billy, saying, "Now, you tin horn sport, I've got you." Casewend's testimony was corroborated by several other witnesses. Casewend has also brought a civil suit against the captain, and

it was asserted that the captain had offered to settle the suit by paying Casewend \$300.

Capt. Darcy said he had been warned by Inspector Kane to look out for the boxby Inspect of the and his men went to the house, but he denied clubbing any one. A number of his policemen said there was no

clubbing and that the captain never car ried a billy.

Deputy Commissioner Farrell said he would have dismissed the case at once, but for the fact that the captain had made the offer of money to settle the suit. He thought it strange that an offer of money should

derstood the matter," said the lawyer for the captain. "Capt. Darcy did not want the matter brought into court. Nearly everybody in Long Island City believes or thinks that the police are grafting. Decision was reserved.

MOUNTED COPS GIVE A SHOW. Twenty of the Trame Squad Do Stunts on Inspection in City Hall Park.

When the platoon of twenty mounted policemen who regulate the traffic on five Years mand of Sergeant John Murphy appeared Ago Broadway and Park row under comfor inspection in City Hall Park at 1:30 yesterday afternoon they cut out the old style line-up and gave an exhibition of equestrian feats. They rode around in circles, formed S's, dismounted and remounted, and charged on the crowd who very witnessing their skil without hurting

Sergt. Murphy, mounted on his great charger Jerry, gave the orders like a veteran cavalry officer. After going through the stunts for almost half an bour the men dispersed and rode to their posts for duty.



MRS. JONES WISTER GIVES UP.

BANDONS HER FIGHT FOR THE WEIGHTMAN MILLIONS.

Pleadings of Her Daughters to Keep the Family Skeleton From Public View Said to Have Prevailed-Mrs. Walker Now Preparing to Quit Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.-Mrs. Anne M. Weightman Walker will in all probability retain the \$60,000,000 which her father William Weightman, left her. Mrs. Jones Wister, her brother's wife, who threatened suit in behalf of her five daughters, has, t appears, surrendered un conditionally.

Mrs. Walker and her attorneys profess to believe that this is because Mrs. Wister's lawyers have reported that she has no legal cause. Friends of Mrs. Wister say that if she has given up the fight it has been because of the pleadings of her daughters, who have preferred to lose their share of the estate rather than to exhibit the family skeleton to the public.

Although it seems that Mrs. Walker has won, she has given up all hope of taking the place she coveted in Philadelphia so4 ciety. She is selling all the property in her name and is transferring to herself per sonally that property which has appeared on record as belonging to her as executrix. Ravenshill, the old home of the Weightmans at Chestnut Hill, is in the market. Other big holdings have been disposed of within the past two weeks.

For years and years Mrs. Walker and Mrs.

Wister have been at swords' points. Mrs. Wister, who was Sabine d'Invilliers, a member of an old French family, strength-

member of an old French family, strengthened her already strong position in society when she married into the Wisters.

Mrs. Walker wanted to enter the inner social circles. Mrs. Wister kept her out. In bare outline this is the social feud that has rent the Weightman family for years. Before William Weightman's last filness ten years ago, when his attitude to the world changed, Mrs. Wister was his favorite. He admired his daughter for her mascuine intellect and her grasp of business. He He admired his daughter for her masculine intellect and her grasp of business. He loved Mrs. Wister for her beauty, her social powers and her devotion to his son.

After his illness his daughter-in-law's marriage placed a powerful weapon in Mrs. Walker's hands. She used it. The will resulted. That was one victory for her. It was the reluctance of Mrs. Wister's daughter to testify to words and acts of their grandfather in his declining years that drove them to their stand against the mother.

The attack on the will was simply a first open skirmi h of the quiet first that has been going on for years. Whether it is a faal or only a temporary victory the next three cays will show, but Mrs. Walker will leave Philadelphia forever.

A lawyer interested in the case to-day summed up the situation. Mrs. Wister's claims, he said, were that a codicil was added to Mr. Weightman's will, that she had a letter from Mr. Weightman promising \$1,000,000 to each of the grandchildren and also a letter stating that whit Mr. also a letter stating that what Mr and also a letter stating that what Mr. Weightman had just done would make more noise than the Fourth of July fireworks; that she received a proposal of marriage from Mr. Weightman shortly after the death of his son, who was her first husband; that expert testimony of physicians that Mr. Weightman's illness ten years ago, just before he made his will, must have impaired his mind.

Mrs. Walker's replies to these counts.

Mrs. Walker's replies to these counts, the lawyer thought, were such that Mrs. Wister's counsel would advise her not to take the case to court. The replies might be estimated as follows: Absolutely no be estimated as follows: Absolutely proof can be found of even a rumor codicil, the letter promising \$1,000,000 to each of the grandchildren legally amounts to nothing more than a broken promise; the other letters might mean anything; the proposal of marriage was immaterial legally; the physicians who might testify had never attended Mr. Weightman before.

BOARD HAS ROCKEFELLER MONEY

Part of \$100,000 Gift to Missions Already

Drawn-Retention Likely. Boston, March 28.-After a long meeting of the prudential committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to-day it was announced that the report upon the protest against the ac ceptance of the gift of \$100,000 by John D. Rockefeller would not be made public until to-morrow. The report of the sub-committee appointed a week ago to consider the matter was presented to the full committee, and it is understood it favors the

retention of the gift. An entirely new phase of the question developed this morning through the announcement in the Missionary Herald, the official organ of the American Board, that \$41,500 of the \$100,000 gift from Mr. Rockefeller had been drawn already by the board and appropriated to various mis-sionary purposes. Dr. Barton said to-day: "When the board was informed that Mr. Rockefeller had placed at the disposal of the board \$100,000 it was at once accepted and an order for \$41,000 of the amount was

at once made out. That money is in our treasury now, and the question is, Shall it be retained?" When it became known that a portion of when it became known that a portion of the money had been appropriated a number of prominent Congregationalists changed their ideas on the question. Some of the leading persons of the board feel that they cannot reject the gift now that a portion of it was set apart for certain purposes before

any one raised a voice in protest. The Seaboard Navigation Company.

TRENTON, N. J., March 28.-The Seaboard Navigation Company, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, was incorporated here to-day. The company is to carry on a navigation business between Boston and other Atlantic seaports. The incorporators are: Samuel P. Savage, Rahway, N. J.; Henry A. Stickney, G. Parsons, W. L. Worrell, Edwin M. Simpson, N. Travieso, Jr., and H. C. Vaughan, all of New York

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System governs every phase of our business. Experience has demonstrated that the greatest good is only possible when the tailormen of each shop have a specific function and purpose of their own. Shop A concerns itself with sack coats, B is devoted to frock and over coats. C makes a specialty of evening, dress and tuxedo coats. All the waistcoats and trousers are tailored in Shop D.

We have organized our tailormen on the principle that if a man apply himself to the perfection of some given thing the very nature of his work will make of him a specialist and a master of that specific phase of his craft. Every Saks garment expresses the talent and cleverness of seven specialists—the cutter, the fitter, the baster, the collar tailor, the sleeve fitter, the body tailor and the finisher, each of whom acts as a monitor for the work of the others.

For the greater part the manufacturers-at-large cut their garments as you would cheese, with a long knife and from twenty to thirty garments per cut. Is it not logical to suppose that the simple action of the knife will cause the top and bottom of the pile of cloth to vary at least a fraction of an inch? If this be granted, you can at once understand why the garments that are tailored for the market cover, but rarely dress, the man.

· Our method demands that every garment be produced separately and individually, just as though it were our only concern.

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THREE KILLED BY GAS. we of the Victims Were to Sail for Germany To-day.

Henry Weiss, 43 years old, and his wife, Annie, of 23 Delaware avenue, Jersey City, and their favorite nephew, Harold Goffeng. the seven-year-old son of Otto Goffeng a painter employed by John Mitchell, president of the Jersey City Police Board, were killed by illuminating gas at their home yesterday morning. The Weisses owned the house. Mrs. Weiss had made owned the house. Mrs. Weiss had made plans to sail for Germany to-day to get her share of an estate which had been left by Capt. John Jansen, an old Sound pilot, who boarded with her for twelve years. She had nursed him through a long illness, and he repaid her kindness by remembering her substantially in his will. Mrs. Weiss did not want to travel alone, and she had got her sister's permission to take Harold to Germany with her.

On Monday night Mrs. Goffeng told her son she wanted him to sleep home, but he begged so hard to go to his aunt's that she gave her consent.

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Mrs. Anderson, a next door neighbor, smelled gas at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and traced its source to the house. She rang the doorbell and didn't get any

rang the dooroen and dight get any response. Then she got a man to climb a ladder and break a second story window. He slid back the catch and raised the sash. He slid back the catch and raised the sash.

He was nearly overpowered by the rush of gas, but finally he went in and found Mr. and Mrs. Weiss and the boy dead.

Mrs. Weiss lay in her bed in a room over the kitchen. The boy's body was in bed in an adjoining room and Weiss was stretched out on the floor alongside the boy's bed. He had apparently awakened with a realization that gas was escaping. He left his wife's side and started to crawl to the child's room for the purpose of saving to the child's room for the purpose of saving him. He pushed a small table to one side and knocked off a lamp and a clock with its alarm set for 5 o'clock. It is thought be had been

set for 50 clock. It is thought he had been aroused by the ringing of the alarm.

Investigation showed that a rubber tube had become detached from a gas range which stood on the kitchen stove. The gas cock in the stationary pipe in the wall was turned fully on. The kitchen door had been left open when the three went upstairs to bed, and the escaping gas filled the house as they slent. the house as they slept. ANDREWS EJECTING TENANTS.

Sub-Tenants Ordered Out of Hamilton Storage Company Building. Papers in ejectment proceedings have been served on a number of sub-tenants of the Hamilton Storage Warehouse Company, tenants of the Hamilton Building. Park avenue and 125th street. This building is owned by the Washington Life Insurance Company, and is leased by the Hamilton Storage Warehouse Company, of which Lygner G. Andrews formerly of which Lyman G. Andrews, formerly manager of the Green and Ogden estates and now out on bail on a charge of forgery, is president. The pape the Ninth district court. The papers were issued in

Grain Plunger Cleage a Bankrupt. St. Louis, March 28.-Thomas J. Cleage, Jr., the grain plunger, has been declared a bankrupt by Walter D. Coles, a referee in the United States Court. Creditors petitioned to have Cleage adjudged a bankrupt on the ground that after the announcement of his insolvency he pre-ferred some of his debts.

Court Calendars This Day.

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HELD-FOR HOTEL BILL. Two Versions of Expert Accountant Geer's

Inheritance Told in Court. T. K. Geer, an expert accountant, was arraigned in the West Side court yesterday charged with failing to pay the Hotel Webster, at 40 West Forty-fifth street, a bill of \$1,268. Joseph C. Reynolds, proprietor of the hotel, was the complainant. He told Magistrate Moss that Geer went to his hotel on June 4, 1904, and remained there until Jan. 5, 1905. He paid his bills up to Oct. 17. After that, Reynolds said, he kept promis-ing to pay in a short time, as he expected to come into \$90,000, half of his father's estate, on Dec. 3, 1904. Then he said his brother, the executor, had secured a month's ex-tension of the time in which he was to have

settled the estate.

Mr. Reynolds said he believed the defendant, and trusted him for a time. Finally he discovered that the prospective inheritance was very small and took steps to collect what was due him. He said that \$310 of Geer's bill was for cab fare.
Edward F. Geer of 82 Beaver street, the defendant's brother and executor of their father's estate, testified that the entire father's estate testified that the entire estate was worth hardly \$10,000, of which his brother was entitled to a third. He said that the had paid his brother most of

the share in advance. Geer denied saying he was to get \$90,000. He said he told the hotel management he expected to come into some thousands soon and would then settle. He said he received

One Man's Body Found Wedged in a Tree TROY, N. Y., March 28.-Four men were instantly killed by explosions in the corning

The dead are Watter Sprague and Charles Colburn, who came from the Oriental Mills of the company in Maine; Philip Bartlett and James White, who were from Hazardville, Conn.

The bodies of all the men except White were torn into atoms. White's body was

found in a tree 100 feet away.

Both buildings were flattened to the ground. There were three separate ex-